

Even revive the hopes of the dying revolt. A Bengali artist, addressing his fellow-artists, in the late of the Company's service, through the up-country papers, humourously alludes to the possibility of sepoy sending emissaries to the Royal Bengal, but if the matter proceeds much further, it will be a matter of some consequence to the British Government.

MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLES.

The amount of Customs duties paid to-day is as follows:—

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| Wine | 236 8 8 |
| Whisky | 10 3 8 |
| Beer | 10 3 8 |
| Tea | 10 3 8 |
| Coffee | 10 3 8 |
| Sugar | 10 3 8 |
| Gold | 10 3 8 |
| Platinum | 10 3 8 |
| Total | 286 17 6 |

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the General Assurance Company was held this day, at two o'clock. The insurance effected during the half-year ended the 30th of June, amounted to £235,081, and the risks outstanding amount to £260,557. A dividend at the rate of 20 per cent. per annum was declared, and the amount left to the credit of profit and loss account, after paying the dividend, was £16,594 10s. 2d. Messrs. Alexander Campbell and Walter Lamb, who retired by rotation from the Board of Directors, were re-elected.

Business continues very quiet, and there is evidently no disposition to speculate in the present state of affairs. The sales by auction to-day were very important.

Duty has been paid at the Customs to-day on 217 ounces 14 dwts. of gold-dust per Himalaya, for Kongsong.

A meeting of creditors in the estate of Messrs. Alfred Fairfax and Co. was held this afternoon. Mr. E. Knox having been called to the chair, the balance-sheet was read, showing liabilities amounting to £104,000, and assets under £60,000. The origin of the deficiency was stated to be the losses occasioned by the Sydney and Melbourne Steam Navigation Company. It was finally determined to appoint a committee to investigate and report at a future meeting, the business to be carried on in the interim by Messrs. Alfred Fairfax and Co., and all cash and bills to be paid by them into a new account in the name of this committee. The gentlemen so appointed were Mr. Edward Knox, Mr. William Brown, Captain Fanning, and Mr. Alexander Stuart.

The Monetary Times of April 23rd extracts the following article from *Burns Commercial Gazette* respecting the imports and exports of the United Kingdom during the year 1888:—

We have now before us the value of the imports and exports for the year 1888, a table of which we give in another column, and from it it will be found that the value of the imports into Great Britain, was £163,745,000, and the exports of British goods, £116,413,000, showing that the value of the imports was £47,332,000 in excess of the exports. This is a very large excess, and it is not surprising that the value of the imports should be so much in excess of the exports, as the value of the imports is the value of the goods which are brought into the country, and the value of the exports is the value of the goods which are sent out of the country. It is not surprising that the value of the imports should be so much in excess of the exports, as the value of the imports is the value of the goods which are brought into the country, and the value of the exports is the value of the goods which are sent out of the country.

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| Exports to various countries | £116,413,000 |
| Balance in favor of imports | £47,332,000 |

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